

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD  
Effective January 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

976471

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

|                                  | (Column 1)     | (Column 2)                          |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS                     | 7              |                                     |
| FOR                              | NUMBER FILED   | NUMBER EXTRA                        |
| TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS          | 15 minus 20= * | 0                                   |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS               | 3 minus 3 = *  | 0                                   |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT |                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

| SMALL ENTITY TYPE | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| RATE              | FEES                    |
| BASIC FEE         | 375.00                  |
| OR                | BASIC FEE 750.00        |
| X\$ 9=            |                         |
| OR                | X\$18=                  |
| X42=              |                         |
| OR                | X84=                    |
| +140=             |                         |
| OR                | +280= 280               |
| TOTAL             | OR TOTAL 1030           |

3/20/6 CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

|  | (Column 1)                       | (Column 2)                         | (Column 3)    |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT A                                    | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total  | *                                | 21 Minus                           | ** 20 = 1     |
| Independent                                    | *                                | 3 Minus                            | *** 3 =       |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |                                  |                                    |               |

| SMALL ENTITY     | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY   |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| RATE             | ADDITIONAL FEE            |
| X\$ 9=           | OR X\$18= 50.00           |
| X42=             | OR X84=                   |
| +140=            | OR +280=                  |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE 50.00 |

|  | (Column 1)                       | (Column 2)                         | (Column 3)    |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT B                                    | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total  | *                                | Minus                              | ** =          |
| Independent                                    | *                                | Minus                              | *** =         |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |                                  |                                    |               |

| RATE             | ADDITIONAL FEE      | RATE      | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| X\$ 9=           |                     | OR X\$18= |                |
| X42=             |                     | OR X84=   |                |
| +140=            |                     | OR +280=  |                |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE |           |                |

|  | (Column 1)                       | (Column 2)                         | (Column 3)    |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT C                                    | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total  | *                                | Minus                              | ** =          |
| Independent                                    | *                                | Minus                              | *** =         |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |                                  |                                    |               |

| RATE             | ADDITIONAL FEE      | RATE      | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| X\$ 9=           |                     | OR X\$18= |                |
| X42=             |                     | OR X84=   |                |
| +140=            |                     | OR +280=  |                |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE |           |                |

- \* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
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As disclosed at page 15, lines 19 to 24 of the specification, pH regulation with these bases is easy and they have a high boiling point and, therefore, cause no decrease in pH upon drying.

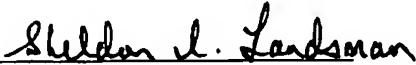
Tseng et al do not contain any disclosure or suggestion of the use of these organic bases.

In view of the above, applicants submit that Tseng et al do not disclose or render obvious the subject matter of claims 6 to 9, 11 and 12 and new claims 13 and 14, and, accordingly, request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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